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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2002, Applicant submits the following Response.

It is believed that no extension of time is required. However, if additional extensions of time are required to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-0437.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13, 15-17, 19-20 and 25-26 are currently pending in the application. In this Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11, 13, 15-17, 19-20 and 26 and objected to claim 10. Claim 25 is allowed. The Examiner has considered Applicant's arguments against the § 103(a) rejections in response to the previous Office Action, however, those arguments were considered "moot" by the Examiner in view of the most-recent § 102(b) rejections. (See Office Action, at page 4). Nevertheless, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the background and descriptive explanations of the present invention in Applicant's previous response. For brevity, those